(b) if so, the names of the companies which owe amount to various institutes alongwith the details of total outstanding amount till the end of March, 2001;

(c) since when this amount is outstanding separately; and

(d) the steps taken to recover the said amount so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH G ANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Termination of dealership in adulteration cases

2572. DR. D AS ARINARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Petrol Pumps adulterate automobile fuels with Naphtha and other solvent to cheat the consumers throughout the country;

(b) whether surprise checks by Government agencies and oil companies are carried out to prevent such adulterations;

(c) if so, the number of petrol pumps raided by each Oil Company during the last one year and in how many cases adulteration was detected by each of them; and

(d) the details of action taken against the offending dealers and in how many cases dealerships were terminated, company-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Adulteration of automobile fuels with Naphtha and other solvents by some of the petrol pumps in the country has been detected during checking and inspection. Action has been taken against the concerned petrol pumps.

(c) and (d) Information is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Number of petrol pimps raided and cases of adulteration detected and termination of dealership in adulteration cases

SIN	Name of the Com-	Year	No. of Inspec-tions carried out	No. of cases of adulteration of auto-mobiles (MS/HSD) detected	Action Taken				
					Termi-nation	Suspen-sion of sales and Supplies	Sub-judice	Expla-nation found satisfac-tory/No action Taken	Sales and Supplies resumed due to court orders
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	IOC	2000-01	34742	93	07	86	—	—	—
2.	BPCL	2000-01	22122	84	08	61	10	—	05
3.	HPCL	2000-01	16394	65	02	54	-	08	01
4.	IBP	2000-01	6916	17	02	08	07	—	-

Discovery of New Oilfield at Nazira

2573. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN. Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new oilfield has been discovered at Nazira of Sibsagar District of Assam by ONGC;

(b) if so, the expected volume of crude oil and natural gas from this field; and

(c) the percentage of crude oil and gas which would be added to the total production of ONGC when they will actually be extracted from this field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH G ANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir, an exploratory well in Nazira structure located in Sibsagar District of Assam, has tested oil from first object during initial testing.

(b) The first object flowed oil and gas and results are being analysed. A second object is planned for testing.